

Acronyms

ADFG	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
ADEM	Alabama Department of Environmental Management
µg/L	microgram per liter
ACE	Ashepoo-Combahee-Edisto (South Carolina)
ACE INC	Atlantic Coast Environmental Indicators Consortium
ADEC	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
AED	Atlantic Ecology Division
AFS	American Fisheries Society
ANS	aquatic nuisance species
AOCs	Areas of Concern
APES	Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System
ASMFC	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
BCI	benthic condition index
BEACH	Beaches Environmental Assessment, Closure, and Health Program (EPA)
BMC	benthic macroinvertebrate communities
CARP	Contamination Assessment and Reduction Program
CCMA	Coastal Monitoring and Assessment
CENR	Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Research
CERP	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project
CPUE	catch per unit effort
CRD	Coastal Resources Division (Georgia)
CSO	combined sewer overflows
DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DIN	dissolved inorganic nitrogen
DIP	dissolved inorganic phosphorous
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
DO	dissolved oxygen
DOE	Department of Ecology
DOI	U.S. Department of the Interior
DPH	Division of Public Health
DQO	data quality objective
EaGLe	Estuarine and Great Lakes Ecological Indicators
EDCs	endocrine disrupting compounds
EMAP	Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EPA)
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPD	Environmental Protection Division

ERL	effects range low
ERM	effects range medium
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FMCs	fishery management councils
FMP	Fishery Management Plan
FMRI	Florida Marine Research Institute
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
GBEP	Galveston Bay Estuary Program
GBNEP	Galveston Bay National Estuary Program
gCm ² yr	grams of carbon per square meter per year
GIP	geographic information processing
GIS	geographic information systems
GLNPO	Great Lakes National Program Office
GLWQA	Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
GMP	Gulf of Mexico Program
GNP	gross national product
HABs	harmful algal blooms
HEP	Harbor Estuary Program (New York)
HMW	high molecular weight
IMAP	Inshore Marine Monitoring and Assessment Program
IWRMN	Integrated Water Resource Monitoring Network
km ²	square kilometer
lbs	pounds
LME	large marine ecosystem
LMRs	living marine resources
LMW	low molecular weight
LTER	Long-Term Ecosystem Research
m ²	square meter
MAFMC	Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
MAIA	Mid Atlantic Integrated Assessment
MAR	Multiple Antibiotic Resistance
MARMAP	Marine Monitoring and Assessment Program (NOAA)
mg/L	milligram per liter
mi	mile
mt	metric tons
MQOs	Measurement Quality Objectives
MRLC	Multi-Resolution Land Characterization

NCA	National Coastal Assessment (EPA)
NCCR I	National Coastal Condition Report
NCCR II	National Coastal Condition Report II
NEFMC	New England Fishery Management Council
NEI WPCC	New England Water Pollution Control Commission
NERRS	National Estuarine Research Reserve System
ng/g	nanograms per gram
NHEERL	National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NIST ILC	NIST annual inter-laboratory comparison
NLCD	National Land Cover Data
NLFWA	National Listing of Fish and Wildlife Advisories
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRC	National Research Council
NS&T	National Status and Trends Program (NOAA)
NWI	National Wetland Inventory (FWS)
OSCEAP	Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program (Alaska)
OPA90	Oil Pollution Act of 1990
PAHs	polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PBB	polybrominated biphenyls
PBDEs	polybrominated diphenyl ethers
PCBs	polychlorinated biphenyl congeners
POTW	publicly owned treatment works
ppm	parts per million
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission
PWSs	public water systems
QA	quality assurance
r^2	coefficient of determination
RCACs	Regional Citizen Advisory Councils
REMAP	Regional Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (NOAA)
SAV	submerged aquatic vegetation
SCCWRP	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
SCDHEC	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
SCDNR	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
SCECAP	South Carolina Estuarine and Coastal Assessment Program
SEAMAP	Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (NOAA)

SeaWiFS	Sea-Viewing Wide Field-of-View Sensor
SOLEC	State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference
SPARROW	Spatially Referenced Regressions on Watershed Attributes
SQGs	sediment quality guidelines
SRMs	Standard Reference Materials
SSB	spawning stock biomass
SSO	sanitary sewer overflow
STAR	Science to Achieve Results Program (EPA)
STPs	sewage treatment plants
SWMP	System-Wide Monitoring Program
TBEP	Tampa Bay Estuary Program
TIE	Toxicity Identification Evaluation
TM	Thematic Mapper
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TN	total nitrogen
TOC	total organic carbon
TP	total phosphorus
TPWD	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TDH	Texas Health Department
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
UNC	University of North Carolina
USCRTF	U.S. Coral Reef Task Force
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USES	Urbanization in Southeast Estuarine Systems
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
USMCMS	University of Southern Mississippi College of Marine Sciences
USPC	United States Policy Committee
U.S. EEZ	U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone
VCP	Virginia Coastal Program
VMRC	Virginia Marine Resources Commission
VOCs	volatile organic compounds
VOH	Virginia Oyster Heritage Program
VP	Virginian Province
VSHP	Virginia Seaside Heritage Program
WCI	water clarity indicator
WTC	World Trade Center
WTPs	water treatment plants